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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Onchuen (Daryn) Lau, et al
Assignee: IDT (was ZettaCom)
Title: Variably Delayable Transmission of Packets Between Independently Clocked Source, Intermediate, and Destination Circuits While Maintaining Orderly and Timely Processing in One or Both of the Intermediate and Destination Circuits
Application No.: 09/997,507 Filing Date: 11/26/2001
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San Jose, California
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION WITH TRAVERSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 20, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects **Group I** (Claims 1 and 5-21) with traverse.

Remarks

It is noted that Monday, Feb. 20, 2006 was a Federal Holiday and thus response is timely even though filed Feb. 21.

After re-accessing the situation together with the examiner, Applicant will have to agree that Claim 2 is distinct since it is directed to the "rates creep" whereas Claim 1 (a method claim) is directed to the problem of synchronizing operations according to the time frame of a job processor even though requests come from an independently clocked job requestor.